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MARTIN'S STUDIO,
Eagle St., North Adams, Mass.
Baptist Church.

By Telegraph
5.00 O'CLOCK.

RECOGNIZE CUBA.

The Cameron Resolution Will be Reported to the Senate Monday.

OLNEY'S WISH DISREGARDED

The Committee was Unanimous. Reports of Cuban Reform. Insurgents Massing to March on Havana.

The foreign relation committee of the senate has decided to report the Cameron Cuban resolution.

Recognizes Cuban Independence.

The Cameron resolution is "Resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the United States that the independence of Cuba is hereby acknowledged by the United States of America, and that the United States uses its friendly offices with the government of Spain to bring the war with Spain and Cuba to a close."

Secretary Olney counters.

Secretary Olney appeared before the committee this morning and was closeted with the members for a considerable time. At the meeting all the members were present except Messrs Gray and Daniel. The meeting was held for the express purpose of continuing the discussion of the Cuban matter. Mr. Olney was present for the purpose of placing in the hands of the committee certain information in his possession.

Didn't Need the Secretary.

It was understood that Mr. Olney's advise was against precipitate action, but the Cameron resolution advocates did not display a disposition to change their determination to report it. Mr. Olney made no statement regarding the attitude of foreign powers in case the United States took action in favor of the Cubans. He confined himself to a statement of facts in the possession of his department, principally furnished by American counsels and by the Spanish authorities.

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Spaniard Colonial Reform.

Madrid despises say that the cabinet council of Spain has taken the matter of applying home rule to Porto Rico and is regarded by officials here as having immediate bearing on the proposed Cuban reform.

The two islands have always been treated together by Spain. Considerable difficulty is experienced because of the property qualification in Porto Rico being \$10 while in Cuba it is \$5. When this feature is adjusted it is believed the reforms will be applied to Cuba.

Germans for Cuba.

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A dispatch from Havana says it is now established beyond a doubt that the insurgents are penetrating their forces in the province of Santa Clara with the apparent intention of moving westward toward Havana.

IN THE HOUSE.

Lively By-Play Over More Employees. Mr. Dingley Defends Himself.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—At the opening session of the house today a pretty bit of by-play occurred, growing out of the presentation of a resolution for additional employees in the house. The house got in a state of confusion, Mr. Dingley, eavesdropping Mr. Odell regarding the necessity of an increase.

Mr. Dingley Parries.

When the dialogue finished Mr. Richardson, Dem. Tenn., complained he was unable to hear and inquired if the distinguished leader of the house had officially announced an increase necessary because of an approaching extra session. Mr. Dingley parried the thrust and said he was sorry the confusion rendered it impossible for the gentleman from Tennessee to hear what was said.

ERIE CANAL STRIKE.

Contractors Have Secured Protection and the Italians will Still Fight.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 18.—The contractors of the Erie canal have secured protection for their men and started a small force this morning.

On the job inside the city's limits policemen are on duty and deputies have been sworn for the purpose of guarding the men between Syracuse and Jordan. This morning several hundred strikers appeared in the city, very ugly and demonstrative.

When they found the police present they withdrew and marched toward Warner's Tavern. There was no disturbance during the night. The meeting last night of Italians resolved to continue the tactics begun yesterday and trouble is expected.

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AGAINST THE COURTS.

The American Federation Convention Considers Strong Resolutions.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES.

The Courts Should Interpret Laws Not Make Them; Constitutions Worse Than Courts Some Think.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 18.—There was a full attendance at this morning's session of the Federation of Labor. Mr. Gompers, after the unanimous vindication which he received in executive session last night, exhibited cheerful spirits. Secretary McMath, his accuser, was at the desk as usual, but some friends freely expressed their regret at his course.

Anti-Court Resolution.

By special order the following resolution by delegate Ashe of Boston was introduced: "Whereas the state convention and the national convention provide that state supreme court shall exercise the right of reviewing legislation.

"Whereas in exercise of its right the supreme court has repeatedly set aside as null and void the law duly enacted by the representatives of the people. Whereas the exercise of such authority violates the fundamental principles of a political organization which claims to be a government of, and by the people, whereas no authority contained on paper or exercised by the courts can be greater than the will of the people formally enacted into law."

Want Constitution Amended.

Resolved that we, the delegates of the Federation convention assembled, demand amendments to the constitution of the United States, depriving the aforesaid courts of the power to set aside a law duly enacted by the legally chosen representatives of the people, we believing that the functions of the courts are to expound and administer law not to make it."

Most of the delegates discussed the imprisonment of Debs and other labor leaders, who had been prosecuted on account of strikes. There was considerable opposition to the resolution. Bitter reference was made to the income tax decision.

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FINANCIAL.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

OXFORD, Eng., Dec. 18.—Arthur Platt, who has been serving six months in Oxford jail for burglary, was arrested at 10:30 o'clock this morning as he was leaving the institution, and is charged with the murder of Jesse Tyree at the Eastern Lunatic asylum, Lexington, Ky., December 1885. The prisoner admitted his identity.

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LOCAL NEWS.

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WHEELING & LAKES EXHIBITION.

New York—The Williams College Alumni association attended the annual dinner held at Hotel Waldorf in New York Thursday night. At each previous dinner there has been good attendance, but on this occasion there was a larger number than ever before. The banquet room was profusely decorated with flowers, palms, flags and bunting.

The banquet table was horseshoe shaped with a table in the middle and each member is presented with a bouquet to which was attached a ribbon upon which was written "Williams Alumni."

Charles Bulkeley Hubbard, '74, of New York and William Town, president of the association. He acted as toastmaster and in extending a welcome to those present spoke about the honored custom of the alumni association in holding the annual dinner, and referred to Williams college in tender terms. He was applauded heartily. Williams college, he said, took no small part in the recent election with the other colleges. When Bryan appealed to education, his appeal was taken up by the colleges, and first among them was Williams college, which stood for sound money, sound morals and sound men.

The other speakers were Rev. H. C. Potter, bishop of New York, who was present as an invited guest; Edward Tarr, W. P. Prentiss, Prof. Richard A. Rice; Franklin M. Aldis, '73, and Rollo Ogden. It was expected that James R. Garrison, of Ohio, son of President Garfield, would attend the dinner, but he was unavoidably detained. During the dinner Charles Louis Safford of Boston and several others sang college and other songs.

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MAY FORM A LEAGUE.

To Work Up Public Sentiment in Favor of Non-License.

MEETING HELD THURSDAY NIGHT.

The Matter Talked Over. Enforcement of Law Demanded. Methods Discussed. Committee Appointed.

The regular Thursday evening prayer meeting of the Congregational church terminated in a meeting for the discussion of the best means to be employed to awaken a stronger public sentiment in favor of non-license. Short talks were made by Rev. W. L. Tenney, George W. Chase, N. L. Chase, George B. Perry and others.

The purpose of the meeting was to bring about the organization of a non-sectarian league which shall have for its aim the awakening of active interest, and which will not permit the subject of non-license to sink into oblivion during the year to be revived a fortnight or so before election. The enforcement of the laws, whether relative to license or no-license is recognized as something of vital importance.

Those who are interesting themselves in the league are willing to believe that with conditions as they are it would not perhaps have been wise to vote no-license this year. Rather the full enforcement of the law is what is to be sought for, and what the new league, if formed, will demand.

One of the more prominent men said this morning: "The town is not ready to vote no-license. We have not the proper organization in this city whereby to care for the men who frequent saloons, should they be turned out upon the streets. The disposition of cases for drunkenness at the district court will be observed by interested persons each day and members of the league will make investigations and acquaint themselves with facts regarding the sale of liquor in this city."

A committee of three was appointed to confer with the directors of the Y. M. C. A. at the next meeting of the board and it is possible that a league of temperance workers will be organized before the new year.

TONIGHT.

Promenade Concert and Dance--Benefit of Hospital. Admission including dance 25 cents.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC PROGRAM.

To be Rendered at the Baptist Church Sunday Morning and Evening.

John L. Howes, organist and choir director, has arranged a very fine musical program for the Christmas services of the Baptist church which will be rendered Sunday, December 20.

The morning program will consist of "Festival Te Deum" by Buck; anthem, "Bethlehem," by Bartlett, and the cantata, "The Infant King," by Neidlinger.

At the evening service the cantata, "Coming of the King," by Dudley Buck, will be given by the quartet of soloists and chorus chorus consisting of the following persons: Quartet, Mrs. Wilson H. Curtis, Mrs. J. Mortimer Darby, Thomas Palmer and Fred T. Francis. Incidental solos by Clarence W. Reynolds, and Arthur Terry, soprano, Misses Mandie Flanagan, Alice Buckley, Carolyn Cary, Myra Fisk, Gertrude Heaney, Clara Moore, Mrs. A. B. Millard, Miss Mary Robinson, Miss Sadie Roberts, Miss Lizzie Spencer and Miss Bathie Williams alto, Miss Lucy Cary, Miss Jennie Graham, Miss Maude Goodrich, Miss Lizzie Kilburn, Miss Blanche B. Millard, Miss Caroline Millard and Miss Laura Griswold; tenors, F. L. Burnham, J. A. McAuley, J. T. Oliver, C. W. Reynolds, E. S. Terry and Leonard Wiggett; bassos, W. E. Blanchard, W. F. Corkhardt, C. K. Millard, H. S. Millard, Owens C. A. Pike and W. S. Spencer. Organist and choir director, John L. Howes.

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I know not what record of sins we commit in the other world; but this I do know, that I never was so mean as to despise a man because he was poor, because he was ignorant, or because he was black.—John A. Andrew.

SPECIAL TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

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"WE HOLD THE WESTERN GATEWAY."

From the Seal of North Adams.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 18, 1896.

NO FANATICAL LEGISLATION.

There can be no question about the western farmers having important grievances against the railroads, but we do not believe many alarmists do that disastrous popular legislation will result or even be seriously agitated at present. The farmers in some localities dependent upon one railroad connection for their markets have suffered terribly from measures which if not openly managed by railroad officials have received their indirect support through middlemen.

The evils complained of by the western farmers are not imaginary. A few winters ago when potatoes were selling in New York for two dollars and two-and-a-half a bushel the writer met an intelligent Iowa farmer who said that that was just in his town if a man should offer to give a load of potatoes to a person who would not buy them the gift would not be considered worth accepting. The explanation he gave was that while the railroads were not supposed to be known in the transaction it was so fixed that shipments could not be made at all satisfactorily unless made through middlemen. He cited cases where direct shipments had been attempted with disastrous results through damage and delay.

The wise policy of the party in power will be to recognize the fact that earnest and honest attention must be given voluntarily to this subject and at once. There should be no waiting for wild and sensational popularistic demands. Abundant opportunities should be given for the hearing of all complaints and an intelligent and careful investigation of them should be made, and then such legislation effected in the circumstances may justify or require. But we do not believe with the alarmists that radical popularistic legislation is now desired or encouraged by western farmers; the outlook for them is too promising to justify it.

Admitting that the so-called granger statemen are suffering under the defeat of the free silver cause," says the Boston Commercial Bulletin in referring to legislative probabilities, "it does not follow that they are to plunge into injurious legislation against the railroads simply to wreak vengeance. Previous to 1883 considerable of this sort of legislation was passed in some of the states, but with what result? Injury not only to the railroads, but to the people themselves. In fact, several of the laws proved veritable boomerangs and demonstrated that the welfare of the common carriers and of the population was inseparable, and that if one suffered the other did likewise.

"Since the wholesome lessons then taught, fanatical legislation has been rather less conspicuous. But casting this potent influence for more reasonable treatment of corporations aside, there are still others at hand, which, we believe, will prevent anti-railroad enactments in states controlled by populists. These are, the grand rise in wheat and the almost absolute certainty of an approaching remarkable period of prosperity in the length and breadth of the land.

"With wheat bringing eighty cents per bushel at Chicago, the comparative low prices for manufactured commodities make the farmer better off than when wheat used to bring a dollar. Furthermore, general prosperity will increase the purchasing power of the agriculturist by broadening the market for his specialties and general products. Therefore, no intelligent man needs to be told that with wheat up nearly thirty cents per bushel and property diffusing its substance among all classes, the thirst for anti-railroad legislation, even in Kansas, will not be very keen. When these farmers are prosperous they are not anxious for the blood of corporations. It is when suffering from hard times that the demagogue persuades them that the grasping corporations are alone responsible for their distress."

A BLESSING FROM UNITY AND DEVOTION.

Under the shadow of the mountains just west of our city is located the Braytonville Union Chapel, the church home to a hundred or more of the residents of that section. There is nothing pretentious, nothing elaborate about the little edifice, yet its presence has an ennobling significance and influence when one learns what effort it was obtained.

Housed for years in a low school building near by the site of the pretty chapel, the worthy villagers met for Sunday afternoon and midweek meetings, not disengaged in their humble home; but rather each year found them more closely united by a common bond of devotion.

With the erection of the present chapel the people of Braytonville saw their fondest hopes realized and though it is small comparatively yet it would not seem larger to them were it a temple.

Last evening the chapel contained a crowd of people, the occasion being the annual chapel fair for the sale of fancy and useful articles. The assembly might truly be likened unto a large family gathering. Everybody was glad, every face

mirrored happiness, and all seemed to feel alike a renewal of joy and pride in the possession of their little home. The fair is held annually for the benefit of the chapel treasury, and by the heartiest kind of co-operation the chapel debt is surely melting away.

Poor Macco, he is no sooner brought to life again than he is confronted by newspaper labels in the form of alleged pictures of him that have the appearance of hasty selections from the rogue's gallery; as witness the Guitau-like apparition in some of the morning dailies. We believe he was or is a handsome man, but libel or martyrdom in one form or another seem to his fate.

Hon. Henry L. Dawes and his Indian commission are indeed to be congratulated on the successful presentation of their plans before the delegates of the Choctaws. The formal agreement, an admirable one, is to be signed on Saturday. It is hoped that this acceptance will have a beneficial influence upon the more powerful Cherokee.

That is a very beautiful place which the "Thimble Club" up Pleasant street way have adopted. May the wearing of the thimble in sweet charitable work shield generous hands and bless them, as it will comfort and make happy many hearts which they thus help to protect from the sharp points of trouble and need.

The concert this evening for the benefit of the hospital will be worth hearing, whether you care for the dancing part of the entertainment or not. Clapp's full band and orchestra will render fine selections and the concert will undoubtedly be the best ever given by a military band in this city.

Suitor seeing flowers on table)—"May I take this as a token of your friendship?" Fashionable Miss—"Good gracious, no sir! Why, that's my new bonnet!"—Spare Moments.

THE EDITOR'S SHEARS.

FOR TODAY.

A THANKFUL SOUL.

I take life just as I find it. If it's hot, I never mind it; Hunt around for shady trees An' just whistle up a breeze! If it's snowin', why—I go, Jeat out a skinnin' cross the snow! (Ever try how good it feels! In a wagon on the wheels!) Spring or winter, summer, fall, I'm thankful for 'em all!

Folks say this world's full of strife; That jest livens up my life! When the good Lord made it, he Done the best for you an' me— Saw the sky had too much blue, An' rolled up a cloud or two. Give us light to see an' rep, Then throw in the dark for sleep, Every single drop of dew Twinkles on a rose for you.

Tell you! this world's full o' light— Sun by day and stars by night; Sometimes sorrow comes along, But it's all mixed up with song. Folks that always make complaint They ain't healthy—that they ain't! Some would jest live with the chills If it warn't for doctors bills! Always finding fault with things— Kill a bird because it sings.

I take life jest as I find it; If it's a sunny day, Hot or cold, I never mind it— That's my time for makin' hay; If it's rainin', fill my wish;

Makes the lakes jest right fer fish; When the snow falls white as foam, Then I track the rabbits home.

Spring or winter, summer, fall, I'm just thankful for 'em all!

—FRANK L. STANTON, in Demorest's Magazine.

MUCH IN LITTLE.

It's curious whut a sight o' good a little thing will do; How y' kin stop the fiercest storm when it begins to brew, An' take the sting from what commenced ter rankle when 'twas spoke; By keepin' still an' treatin' j'bz if it was a joke.

You'll find that ye kin fill a place with smiles instead o' tears,

An' keep the sunshine gleamin' through the shadows of the years

By jes laughin'.

—Washington Star.

Folks sometimes fails ter note the possibilities that lie in the way yer mouth is curvin' an' the twinkle in yer eye; It ain't so much what's said that hurts ez what yo think lies hid;

It ain't so much the doin' ez the way a thing is did.

And many a home's keep' happy an' contented, day by day,

An' like ez not kingdom hez been rescued from decay.

By jes laughin'.

—Washington Star.

Drop in at the Promenade Concert this evening in your street or business dress—8:15 to midnight. Admission 25 cents.

NORTH PEAKH.

Elijah Stone of Brimfield, Mass., visited last week at E. and C. J. Hager's.

C. J. Hager and F. E. Kendrick staked out the extension of the telephone line from Heath Center to Adamsville last Saturday and work on it commenced Monday. The line from North Heath to Charlton is nearly ready for use.

Mrs. C. J. Hager visited last Saturday at E. K. Kendrick's in Adamsville.

The house of Sidney Williams was buried to the ground with all its contents about 2 o'clock Friday morning. The family was absent at the time.

TRAVELLER'S GUIDE.

Fitchburg Railroad.

Corrected Oct. 5, 1896.

Trains Leave North Adams going East— 11:15, 7:23, 9:33, 11:42 a. m., 2:20 p. m., 6:00 p. m.

Going West— 11:15, 2:30, 5:30, 7:45, 10:45 a. m., 12:15, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30 p. m.

Trains Arrive from East— 10:10 a. m., 12:10, 2:30, 4:30 p. m.

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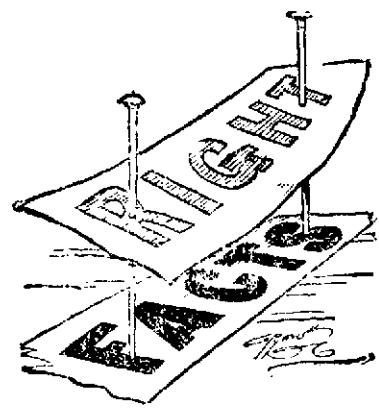
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Two Thousand pounds of Lard in One lb. cans. A very nice package to use from this Land has been made and put up expressly for me with a few very few cans from the stock I have. It is very sturdy and fresh and has never anything to keep it from selling at a good price. I shall also sell One Thousand Mackarel at 20 cts. each, first received.

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SUBURBAN NEWS. Happenings of Interest in Our Neighbor Towns.

AT ADAMS TODAY.

The High School Seniors' Christmas Exercises--The Foresters' Social--Events of this Evening--Real Estate Transactions--Peoples' Illustrated Service at the Baptist Church--Mrs. James F. Drake Sustains a Stroke of Paralysis--Other Local News.

THE CHRISTMAS EXERCISES.
A Splendid Program Rendered at the Opera House Thursday Evening.

The Christmas exercises of the high school seniors at the opera house Thursday evening were very successful. They opened with the anthem "Arise, Shine," sung by the high school pupils, who were seated on graduated benches on the stage.

The program was divided into three parts: An hour with Holmes; debate on the question: Resolved that Adams should Own and Control its Street Lighting Plant; and the class parts. The first part was devoted to recitations of some of Oliver Wendell Holmes' best poems, and papers on the great poet. Miss Faith Chase recited "The Doncian's Masterpiece"; Miss Anna Barrett gave "Dorothy O"; Miss Eva Southworth and Miss Edna Hammon read papers on "Holmes as a Personal Friend," and "Holmes as a Friend of the World," respectively; Miss Adelita P. spoke "The Chamberlain Fairsteal, and Miss Susie Streeter closed this part with "Grandmother's Story of Bunker Hill"; Mabel H. "Grandmother's Songs" by Miss Christine Sayles.

The debate showed careful preparation on both sides and the affirmative had slightly the better of the argument. The speakers on this side were Miss Florence Snow, Harry Morton and Miss Emma Richmond. Their opponents were J. Frank Russell, Miss Hannah Baldwin and Edward Dunn. Miss Anna Roche rendered Salter's "Christmas Song."

The class oration was given by Miss Kate A. Curran, who has for her subject, "The Possibilities of the American Woman." Arthur Martin made a prophecy of the future of his classmates and the exercises closed with the solo, "Snow," by Ralph Williams and the chorus by the school.

All the young men and women did their part finely. The musical numbers, in charge of Miss C. W. Burton, were well rendered.

Events of the Evening.

Golden Link Rebekah Lodge will meet in Odd Fellows hall and elect officers for the ensuing year.

The annual Christmas sale of fancy articles under the auspices of the women of Trinity Methodist church will be held this evening. A visit will be profitable.

Advent service will be held in St. Charles' church. The service will be followed by meetings of the promoters of the league of the Sacred Heart and the young women soliciting for the coming fair.

The Adams Whist club will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Plunkett at their home on Maple street.

The J. S. Adams baseball club will hold a dance at St. Jean Baptiste hall.

Foresters Social.

The members of Court Adams, Foresters of America, and their friends held a very enjoyable social in Odd Fellows' hall Thursday evening. Dancing was participated in the banquet hall, and in the parlor there were card playing and music by the guests and a pair of professional musicians who rendered vocal and instrumental selections. Supper was served by the committee in charge. Palmer's orchestra furnished music for the dance and Fred D. Field prompted. There were about 200 persons present. This was the first social event held by the court and it was very successfully arranged and carried out.

Real Estate Transactions.

Abbit J. Anthony has sold building lots to the following parties: Joseph Caisse, \$300; Alfred Parker, \$500; Treble Girard, \$500. A. B. Mote has made a transfer to Arthur E. Green. These older deals are recorded: Adams Power company to John Dungan, \$1575; Napoleon Boivert to Louise D. Greenwood, \$75; Power said; C. A. Howland to Sarah J. Orcutt; Stephen W. Wilbur to August Bittner and wife, \$1900; George W. Daniels to Charles A. Daniels.

People's Illustrated Service.

The fourth service of the series will be held at the Baptist church next Sunday evening. The "Parables of Christ" will be illustrated by a choice selection of finely colored views with appropriate music. The attendance at all these services is very large, many people besides the members of the church being present.

David Kewlin left Thursday evening for Bradford, Pa., where he is to conduct a night lunch cart.

Earl & Wilson Linen, Collars and Cuffs.

Manufacturers of Cladding dyed, cleaned repaired
furs, carpets and pressed to short notice. 29
Main Street.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER.

A cream of tartar baking powder. Highest of
all on leavening strength. Latest United States
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ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., New York.

Suffered a Shock of Paralysis.

Mrs. James F. Drake sustained a paralytic shock at her home at Zylonte Thursday evening. She was feeling somewhat better this morning, being able to move her arms but she could not speak.

Sheriff O'Brien will sell at public auction Saturday afternoon certain furniture bought by James B. Cassidy of Bridget Bergan.

Arthur Adams and wife of Dalton are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Whitman. The Adams Stenographers' association will meet in Kelley's school of shorthand and typewriting at 4:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Every member is requested to be present, as there is important business to come up.

The local Masonic lodge installed its recently elected officers Thursday evening. Rev. Dr. Thompson of Pittsfield will deliver the third and last lecture of the series in the Methodist church Wednesday.

The committees in charge are making careful arrangements for the fair to be held by St. Raphael's parish in Houghton Hall, at the station after the holidays.

CHESHIRE.

The schools close today for a vacation of two weeks.

Mrs. Barbara Martin is quite ill. Henry Martin, who was injured a few days ago, is improving.

Mrs. Whitehouse will take for his subject at the Baptist church Sunday morning "B. C. and Thereabout." In the evening the subject will be "Gifts." The subject at the Methodist church, Rev. E. Bissell, pastor, will be "Why life is."

The skating on the reservoir is very good and the opportunity is being thoroughly improved by the young people. The fishing industry has commenced and a good many pickerel are taken from the reservoir daily.

The Christmas festival will be held at Academy hall this evening and should be well attended.

Electric Cars for Adams and Williamstown at 11:30

tonight for those attending the Promenade Concert and Dance for the benefit of the Hospital.

WILLIAMSTOWN.

Real Estate Matters.

These real estate deals have been recorded: George H. Daniels to George H. Daniels, Jr.; George H. Daniels, Jr., guardian, to Mary J. Loggins, \$387; George H. Daniels, Jr., to George H. Daniels and wife, \$900.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

Washington Forecast for Massachusetts:

DEC. 18.

Threatening, followed by clearing.

LOCAL NEWS.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT.

Thoughtful Children Contribute to the Grand Army Building Fund.

PRESENT WILL NOT WEAR OUT.

Greatly Appreciated by Grand Army. Youthful Donors Will Receive Certificates. Old Soldier's Value Children's Sympathy.

EDITOR'S TRANSCRIPT.—

The following letter received by us a few days ago explains itself.

North Adams, Mass., Dec. 18, 1876.

MR. A. W. FULTON,

DEAR SIR.—I beg to make a Christian present which will not wear out very soon; we have decided to help you for your G. A. R. building, for that is going to last a great many years.

We will send you five dollars of our own money and wish it was a great deal more.

Yours very truly,
LEAH POWELL CURTIS,
HELEN CURTIS,
PAUL CURTIS.

The finance committee of the Grand Army building are very much pleased to receive the above letter and subscriptions not so much for the amount, although I highly appreciated, as for the evidence that the children are interested in our new hall. While a carefully prepared record will be preserved, we will furnish certificates to the children expressly adapted to them.

The committee needs money very much and when we receive it unsolicited, and from the children, it is doubly appreciated.

If we should receive 100 similar gifts as a Christmas offering it would not only be a great financial help, but it would show that the hearts of the children are in sympathy with the old soldiers and their work.

G. A. R. Committee,
A. W. FULTON, treasurer.

CONCERT TONIGHT

Whether you Dance or Not, and Help the HOSPITAL.

Odd Fellows' Hall

8.15. Admission 25 Cents.

MONTHLY MEETING HELD.

By the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. Thursday Afternoon.

M'KINLEY'S CHICAGO VISIT.

The President-Elect and Wife to Spend To-night at the Dawes Residence.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Major and Mrs. McKinley went off for a short drive again this morning. The president-elect says that his wife is better than she has been at any time since her recent attack of the grippe. Major and Mrs. McKinley have no plans to-day beyond a trip to Evanston this afternoon to spend the night with Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Dawes. Judge and Mrs. H. K. Day of Canton will also be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dawes. Major McKinley's most notable caller yesterday afternoon was Joseph Medill, editor of the Chicago Tribune. Mr. Medill discussed tariff legislation, and said he was opposed to an extreme measure. Major McKinley wants a moderate bill, which will be fair and satisfactory; that it will stand for a dozen years or more. The distinguished visitor informed a representative of the Civic Press Club that, if he was in the city to-morrow night he would attend the terrible Indian-Wisconsin university football game.

Price of Coal Reduced.

New York, Dec. 18.—As a result of the accumulation of anthracite coal at tidewater and at storage points there have, it is said, been some concessions in price. One or two companies which bring large amounts of coal to tidewater have offered coal at reduced prices in order to empty cars.

The production of coal for the eleven months ending December 31, which covers the period in which the combination has been in existence, will be a little under 40,000,000 tons, against 42,700,000 tons in the corresponding period in 1895. Production of all kinds for the entire year will be approximately 43,300,000 tons, against 46,000,000 tons last year.

Fourth-class Postmasters.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The following fourth-class postmasters have just been appointed: Connecticut—Miss M. A. Greenleaf, Hampton; New York—M. Shultz, Marsville; Miss A. F. Campbell, Natural Dam, Pennsylvania—H. W. Bard, Denver; A. B. Minich, Ebenezer; W. A. Pine, Mutual; D. B. Stear, Trade City.

Corbett Signs To Fight.

New York, Dec. 18.—Dan Stuart, the Texan promoter of prize fights, met Corbett late yesterday afternoon at Taylor's hotel in Jersey City and Corbett signed articles for a fight with Fitzsimmons for a purse of \$15,000. Stuart will try to get Fitzsimmons signature immediately.

Receiver for Tattersalls.

New York, Dec. 18.—Justice Trux of the supreme court has appointed Julius F. Workman receiver for Tattersall's of New York (limited) in an action for voluntary dissolution brought by the stockholders. The liabilities are \$20,000, and the assets about \$1,000.

National Home for Colored People.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The senate committee on education and labor has reported favorably appropriating \$100,000 for the establishment in the city of Washington of a national home for aged and infirm colored people.

American Corn for India.

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—The first cargo of the bubonic plague in this city show that there have been 1,551 cases and 1,004 deaths from the disease. Over 200,000 persons have fled from the city, and the flight continues daily.

The Bubonic Plague at Bombay.

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Dominoes

Checkers

Back Gammon Boards

Games, Tops, Paints

Transparent Slates

Picture Frames

Scrap Books

Card Cases

Coin Purse

Pocket Books

Bill Books

Toy Banks

Masks, Albums

Autograph Albums

Lap Tablets

Ink Stands

Box Papers

Fountain Pens

Cameras

THE ADAMS NATIONAL BANK.

Of North Adams, Mass.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Adams National bank will be held at their banking house in North Adams on

Tuesday, the 12th day of January next at 2 o'clock p.m. for the following purposes: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

W. E. PENNIMAN, Cashier.

North Adams, Mass., Dec. 18, 1876.

If you want nice Printing, come to the Office for it.

THE ADAMS NATIONAL BANK.

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A turkey supper will be served at the Braytonville Chapel this evening from 5 to 8 o'clock. Twenty-five cents is the amount charged for the spread. Everything is served hot, well cooked and in plenty.

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